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Issues Raised in the Office Action

Claims 1 to 38 are currently pending in the application. By the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, claims 1 to 38 were rejected. In the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright et al. (US 6,581,040) in view of Thompson (US 6,393,410). Also, in the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Applicant's declaration filed under 37 CFR 1.131 was ineffective for establishing a priority date prior to the August 16, 2002 priority date of Greer (reference relied upon in the prior Office Action). The applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections and offers the following remarks in response and by which, the applicant believes, allowable subject matter is achieved.